

PARK & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time at the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street, Rushville. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order. Other members present were Jack Harmon, Jan Voiles, Wilma Jo Kile, David Hasecuster and Tim Shuppert. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Attorney Julie Newhouse, Mayor Bob Bridges, Eric Frey and Trena Carter from ARa, Amphitheater Committee members Mike Pavey, Pam Leisure, Scott Murray, Dave Payne and Danny Bennett. Also present was Roy Mohr and John Rosfeld of Rosfeld Electric and Bruce Davis of Davis Wrecker Service.

Minutes: Minutes of August 8, 2006 was presented for approval. Hasecuster moved to approve August 8th minutes, Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Skateboard Park Report: None at this time.

Park Patrol Report: None at this time.

Horseshoe Tournament – September 23rd: Mathews reported the Horseshoe Tournament is September 23rd and asked permission for the Parks Department to sponsor the event in the amount of \$500.00. Shuppert moved to sponsor the Horseshoe Tournament in the amount of \$500.00, Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Halloween – October 31st: Mathews stated we are gearing up for Halloween and then ask Sharpe to inform board what was going on. Sharpe shared with the board that Mathews suggested moving the Halloween event this year to the Livestock Pavilion at the Fairgrounds which will allow more room for parking, bleaches for parents to set, and felt it was better due to inclement weather. Corn thanked Sharpe for coordinating the Halloween event again this year. Sharpe stated she again needs a lot of help and anyone who is willing to give a monetary donation or donate a bag of candy, be greatly appreciated. She was also asked for judges and helpers of all kinds.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Harmon and Hasecuster. Hasecuster moved to approved claims for the month. Harmon seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

Unfinished Business:

Swimming Pool Report – Anita Carfield– None at this time.

Approve Quote to Widen Bridge in South Veterans Memorial Park – Shuppert will print out specs and Mathews is to get three (3) quotes.

Bruce Davis then shared with the board that he would like to make the one bridge a replica of the Veterans Memorial Bridge and name it the “Relay for Life” bridge. Davis stated he will donate the labor and ask Relay for Life to raise the money for materials.

Chad Bowles has also said he will donate his time and equipment.

Kile moved to get specs together and submit for bid. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews stated he will check with Mike Pavey on the design of the bridge.

Discuss Swimming Pool Repairs - Davis then discussed the mushroom repair at the swimming pool.

Davis stated there are no plumbing plans.

There is a leak from the mushroom to the pump and feels this has happened when the line froze. He’s not sure what the problem is and needs to see the plumbing plans.

Shuppert thinks he may have the plumbing plans on a CAD program.

Davis said he wants to fix the leak without jack hammering the whole pool floor up.

Sharpe also stated she thinks she has some plumbing specs at City Hall.

The board asked both to look for plans and call a special meeting if need be.

Kile then moved for Mathews to get with Les Day and get the plumbing scoped/lines videoed then call a special meeting to review findings. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Kile moved to allow Davis to proceed with work. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Eric Frey & Trena Carter – ARa – Discuss available grants for Riverside Park with Parks Board and Amphitheater Group– Frey discussed grant options and funding options with the Parks Board and the Amphitheater Committee. Frey stated that trail projects need to include nature elements or make it a connection to other trails downtown or schools. Sidewalks can be incorporated into trails. The first step is to define what we want on the site and what the site is to look like. Get community consensus. There is land and water money available for canoeing/ kayak/fishing projects. Frey stressed again that the first step should be to identify what we want and where we want it and what it will look like. Pavey shared with the board that he felt this joint meeting was for the Amphitheater committee and Parks board to see what monies we can apply for. We don’t have money in this year’s budget but have moved money around in the line item so that we can use it for next year for matching funds. We just need to see what we can apply for. Frey stated that restrooms needed to be designed to be flood tolerant. The town of Columbus built restrooms in a floodplain and went with steel stools and raised block walls. There are creative solutions for that. Pavey stated we have budgeted the matching funds and are ready to move forward. Carter stated its great the two groups are working together. Different options of grants were then discussed. Frey suggested starting a Park Foundation and Kile and Sharpe stated that we already have one in place at the Community Foundation. Kile questioned what amount would be reasonable to apply for. Carter stated most grants are 80/20. Land and Water Conservation grants are 50/50. Carter suggested the two groups have a meeting in the next few weeks to decide what is wanted and get a plan. These items need to be in the Parks Master Plan and if not an amendment will have to be made. Sharpe will set up meeting with the two groups.

Approve Quote for (2) Pick-Up Trucks – Mathews presented four (4) quotes for two (2) new pick-up trucks for the Parks Department. He reported he will get rid of the white S-10 and the GMC Half Ton. Six spec packets were sent out and the following four specs received:
1) Rushville Chrysler Jeep Dodge - \$16,000 per truck
2) Andy Mohr Chevrolet - \$14,279 per truck
3) Anderson Auto Plaza - \$13,442 per truck
4) Acura – Greensburg - \$15,970 per truck
Mathews stated the money is to be taken out of the Non-Reverting fund. Kile moved to purchase the two trucks from Anderson Auto Plaza for \$13,442 each. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

Items not known in advance:

Kile stated she feels we need to repair the mushroom at the swimming pool and get the bridges repaired/widened with the Non-Reverting funds before the end of the year.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned meeting at 8:30 P.M.

DENNY CORN, PRESIDENT

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JAN VOILES, MEMBER

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ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY